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# *News* FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY BOARD



## STATE LIBRARY BOARD

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## NEW BCIP UNDERWAY

A general Book Collection Improvement Project will be conducted this year among libraries eligible for LSCA grants. The amount of the grant is based on  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents per capita with a possible increase to 5 cents before the end of the fiscal year.

Participating libraries will set their own project goals this year. Over the past ten years, special projects have been conducted to improve the general adult collections, the children's collections, the reference collections, and the periodical collections in libraries over the state. The new project will give participating libraries the opportunity to plan the expenditure of the book grant funds in meeting the particular needs of each library system.

## PERIODICAL PROJECT CONTINUES

The Periodicals Project entered its third year in 1966-67 with eighteen libraries participating. Under the terms of the Project, these libraries will renew subscriptions to periodicals and indexes begun under the original project.

## YORK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

At its first meeting on August 9, the newly appointed York County Library Board effected its organization. Officers are R. E. Barron, Jr., Rock Hill, Chairman; C. S. Little, Jr., Fort Mill, Vice-Chairman; George L. McGill, Clover, Secretary; and Mrs. J. Wm. Milling, Rock Hill, Treasurer.



The board members represent the boards of the five libraries which combined to form a unified county library system. The act creating the county library provides for a 2-mill county-wide tax levy which will make approximately \$67,956 available for the operation of the library. SLB grants will bring the total to an estimated \$95,000. During its first three years the library will be a demonstration library under the SLB's Demonstration Program.

### SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERN PROGRAMS

An evaluation of the scholarship and intern programs of the S. C. State Library Board has been made through July 1, 1966. Since the scholarship program began in 1956, twenty-eight scholarships have been awarded. Of this number, one recipient failed to fulfill the contract terms; another recipient completed degree requirements but repaid the scholarship grant and accepted a public library position in another state. Five persons are now attending library schools on full SLB scholarships and two library employees have begun work with continuing scholarships to be used over a period of years. There are now fifteen scholarship graduates working in professional positions in S. C. public libraries.

Number working in S. C. public libraries after completing two year obligation -----	9
Number working in S. C. public libraries - two year obligation not yet completed -----	6
Number still in library school -----	10
Number who have left library profession (temporarily) -----	1
Number who did not fulfill contract obligations -----	1
Number who repaid amount of scholarship grant -----	<u>1</u>
Total number of scholarships awarded	28

Since 1959 when the intern program began, 117 internships have been awarded. Of this number, fourteen have received graduate scholarships, and as of July 1, ten were still in library school. An undetermined number of former interns are also employed in school and college libraries in South Carolina at a pre-professional level.

Below is a tabulation of the intern program evaluation.

Total number of internships given, 1959-1965 -----	102
Total number of internships given, summer 1966 -----	15
Total number who have received scholarships -----	14



Total number who have attended library school  
on their own ----- 6

Total number now working in S. C. public libraries ----- 15

Total number known to be working in other libraries ----- 16

### AS OTHERS SEE US

The annual meeting of young people working in public libraries under the Intern Program was held August 3. The program has been sponsored by the State Library Board and the Public Library Section, SCLA, for 7 years. Its purpose is to acquaint the participants with all phases of library work so they can determine if they wish to choose librarianship as a profession.

In evaluating the program the interns commented as follows:

#### Intern Assignments:

"Working with the story hour and radio program was the most fun."

"I got tired of doing monotonous jobs; I expected jobs with a little more responsibility."

"I was involved with a variety of work - ordering books, the bookmobile, story hours, and some special projects for which I was responsible. It was great."

"Seven weeks on the bookmobile is too much. There must be something more to the library than this."

"I was never on the bookmobile at all. I would have liked to try it at least."

"Nothing seemed to be planned. We sort of played it by ear."

#### The Library and Its Public:

"The desk workers are not tactful. They play favorites with patrons."

"The staff doesn't seem to be there to serve the public, but rather to watch the public."

"We mailed books to shut-ins; selecting them gives you the feeling of really helping the readers."

"The staff doesn't have the opportunity to help the public because they are too busy with routines. They are over-protective -- possessive -- as if the books belong to them, as if they are doing a person a favor to let him borrow one."



### The Intern Program:

"A greater effort could be made to give the intern a broader view of every phase of library work."

"A plan should be devised so that the librarians have more contact with the interns and make certain the interns have the opportunity to see the library from every angle."

### Ed. Note:

Librarians, there are lessons for all of us here. Could this be you or your library?

### FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

"Not all of what I come in contact with in my classes is new. I am taking a course in the Acquisition and Selection of Books and am very grateful to have already used a little - some of the selection catalogs and journals we are learning about. But on the other hand, everything we work with in the Government Publications Course is new to me. There is so much to learn!"

— Gail Campbell, LSU

### ANYONE FOR SOUTHEASTERN?

We are interested in knowing who will be going to SELA from South Carolina. If you plan to attend, please inform Nancy Blair at SLB.

### TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Halloween fun can help the world's needy children. Coins collected from "Treats" have helped provide medicines, food, and care for millions of children in the developing countries. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1966, contributions to the United Nations Children's Fund was \$5.5 million - an increase of \$1.8 over the previous year.

Mrs. John T. Bregger, state representative for UNICEF, suggests that: "Librarians can help this program of help for the world's children by:

1. using UNICEF materials on two or more October story hours  
Resource: Hi Neighbor Series (6 books available)  
Child of UNICEF Collection (children around world)  
Films
2. displaying UNICEF facts and folders in adult library  
displaying trick or treat materials in children's section  
displaying Hi Neighbor and related books in children's section



3. arranging publicity in relation to library activity on UNICEF, in newspaper and television

- a child pictured with the special display
- perhaps a child patron, with another child or two dressed in costume related to the story

"Libraries should write directly to UNICEF for materials, though I have samples and would be glad to assist in any way. I have lists of individuals within the state who have promoted the program in the past, and could put them, and interested librarians, in touch with each other."

Write Mrs. Bregger at 318 College Avenue, Clemson, South Carolina. Information on UNICEF and a UNICEF Halloween kit including 35 identification posters, sample brochures, and planning manual with publicity suggestions costing \$1.00 are available from U. S. Committee for UNICEF, P. O. Box 1618, Church Street Station, New York 8, New York.

#### OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

The Barnwell County Library of the ABBE Regional Library has completed the microfilming of Barnwell newspapers from September 1877 through August 1963. The file includes The Barnwell People, the Barnwell Sentinel and their successor, The Barnwell People-Sentinel. Funds for the microfilming were derived from gifts and from fines collected by the library.

The Williamston Town Council has asked for bids on the construction of a building which will house the Williamston Branch of the Anderson County Library.

The Simpsonville Jaycees and Jayceettes are planning to completely renovate the Simpsonville Branch of the Greenville County Library. An architect is surveying the present facilities and will recommend action to be taken.

The Florence Sertoma Club has given Caliphone record player and listening station as part of its continuing project in support of the Children's Room of the Florence County Library.

The Charleston County Library is resuming its lecture series, "What Makes a Book Live?" on October 3, 1966. Last year's sessions were popular and well attended. The programs are monthly, usually on the first Monday night; November 14 and April 10 being the exceptions.

Joyce Mitchum, library assistant at the Berkeley County Library, was married to Bernard Guerrey on July 23, 1966.

Mrs. William A. Foran resigned as Children's Librarian, Richland County Public Library, to become Coordinator of Library Services for the Columbia City Schools.

Ray Peppers, librarian of the Beaufort County Library since 1963, has resigned to accept the position of administrative librarian of Kellogg College, Battle Creek, Michigan.



## EMPLOY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK

The 21st Anniversary of National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week will be observed this year, October 2-8. Since its formation in 1960, the Library Committee has undertaken numerous projects including promotion of special displays in libraries throughout the country featuring books, pamphlets, pictures, and other materials on employment of the handicapped.

Libraries are requested to cooperate with the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in promoting displays in libraries.

A packet of materials consisting of posters, pamphlets, book lists, fact sheets, etc., may be obtained from The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Washington, D. C. 20210.

For additional information and material, write: Mr. Larry K. Volin, Secretary, Library Committee, The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Washington, D. C. 20210, and Kathryn Lewis, Secretary, Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, P. O. Box 1406, Columbia, S. C. 29201. Miss Lewis can also supply information on the 1967 Ability Counts Contest which is open to 11th and 12th grade students.

## CHARLESTON PAPER ON MICROFILM

The Library of Congress file of the newspaper Deutsche Zeitung (Charleston, South Carolina) for January 1876 - 1900 and January 1905 - 1917 is now available on microfilm. The cost for a positive 35mm file copy containing some 20,000 pages on 13 reels is \$210.00.

Orders and inquiries should be addressed to Photoduplication Service, Department C-97, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20540.

## SYMPATHY TO

The family of Milon Stone Christman who died August 28. Mr. Christman's daughter is Mrs. John D. Smith, chairman of the Spartanburg County Library Board.

## POSTERS ON USE OF LIBRARY

A set of 32 colorful posters designed to teach and encourage improved library skills has been prepared by The Instructor. In seven subject-area groups, the posters introduce library skills, motivate library usage, explain library practices, and teach methods of research.

Order from William E. Powell, 511 Cross Street, Sanford, North Carolina. The price is \$5.50.



## LIBRARY CARD A DOUBLE ASSET

A patron of the Cooper Branch of the Richland County Public Library reports that when she cashed a check at a local store, a library card - instead of the usual driver's license - was requested for identification purposes.

## CAROLINIANA

Hendricks, Peter W. The South Carolinian and His Government. P. W. Hendricks, Publisher, Chapin, South Carolina 29036. \$4.60.

Revill, Janie. President Andrew Jackson's Birthplace, as Found by Janie Revill. The State Printing Company. Order from the author at Box 663, Sumter, South Carolina 29150. \$5.00.

## YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

Dilemma's problem in the August issue of NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES with staff members approaching members of the board prompted me to write about my problem. What in the world can we do about staff members who go even further and go to the members of the delegation to complain about how the library is run and the fact that so-and-so who doesn't work half as hard gets a larger salary? When I accompanied the committee from the board to present our budget request to the delegation, it was quite evident that the members were particularly interested in the salary item and asked more questions about it than any other item.

What do you say about this situation?

Bewildered

Dear Bewildered:

You do have a problem! But it's really as much, if not more, of the board's concern. I hope some of them - and they all should be since presumably they were appointed by the delegation - are on good terms with the delegation. They should request a joint meeting and, as tactfully as possible, point out that the library board was charged with the responsibility of operating the library. If the board members are not capable of doing this they should be replaced by trustees who are qualified to do so.

In the meantime, I think you should have a conference with the busy staff member and remind her that just as you are the liaison person between the staff and the board, the board performs the same function with the delegation.

Anne



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Mrs. Eleanora Richardson, Secretary  
Board of Trustees of the Carnegie  
Free Library  
Union, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Richardson:

Your letter of November 10 has been forwarded to this office from Pittsburgh. The gift of \$10,000 for the library building in Union was made by Mr. Carnegie personally. After Carnegie Corporation was established in 1911, it continued until 1919 Mr. Carnegie's practice of granting funds for library buildings on condition that the community provide a site and at least 10% of the amount of the grant annually from tax funds to maintain a free public library.

Neither Mr. Carnegie nor the Corporation succeeding him has ever taken any part in the administration of these libraries, nor have we ever provided funds for their support.

Standards of library service and its costs have of course changed radically since Mr. Carnegie's day and the trend is now away from small autonomous libraries and toward unified or cooperative systems of library service. Although Carnegie Corporation has no legal standing in the matter, I can assure you that its officers would be pleased to know that the library in Union was taking appropriate steps, with the advice of the State Library Board, to modernize and improve library service for an expended constituency. Your plans have our strong moral support.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Florence Anderson

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(This letter from the Secretary of the Carnegie Corporation answers the constant inquiries about availability of Carnegie grants and the administration of Carnegie libraries.)



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This editorial on student use of the public library is reproduced because of its presentation of the problem—and opportunity.



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